Progress Update – August 13, 2012

Equipment Purchases & Shipments:
- Expended more than $1,794,000 of equipment/software to date—primarily from HP
- 141 of BTOP libraries (96% of 147) already have their full equipment orders
- Current plans include providing 1,208 computers (684 desktops, 74 ADA desktops, 450 laptops), 30 laptop charging carts, 147 printers, 158 scanners, 89 projectors, 112 wifi routers/access points, 125 network switches, 433 desks and 602 chairs.

Software Purchases:
- Software imaged on computers includes: Windows 7 64-bit, Microsoft Office Suite 2010 Professional, Microsoft Security Essentials, and either Centurion Guard/Smart Shield OR Faronics/Deepfreeze. ADA Stations also include-- Zoom Text, Dragon Naturally Speaking Pro, Kurzweil 1000, and Jaws Professional.

Computer Desks & Chairs:
- More than $196,000 of furniture for 122 libraries has already been ordered
- Approximately 112 libraries have received all of their furniture

Broadband Upgrades (as of 6/30/12):
- 78 libraries have increased their speeds (45 was our goal of which 5 was for fiber)
- Of the 78 upgraded, the average speed moved from 2.9 M to 17.6 M (a 14.6 M increase)
- 13 libraries report having new wireless connections since the grant started
- We now estimate that 90 libraries will upgrade (to include 18 upgrades to fiber)

Electrical/Computer Technicians:
- 40 libraries on electrical/wiring upgrade list (32 completed)
- 62 libraries on equipment installation quotes/services list (59 completed)
- BTOP Staff has made 53 installations to date

Events/Training/Communications:
- Nebraska Library Commission has offered training to BTOP Libraries including Marketing & Communication Gymnasium, Technology Planning Summer Camps, E-Rate Sessions, and ADA Computer Station Training. Partners are now offering training at the BTOP Libraries.
- 107 BTOP Libraries have held open houses to date
- BTOP Libraries & Partners are now using Calendar/Communications Blog

Highlights of Quarterly Report (as of 6/30/12):
- Spent $2,514,130 of $3,668,189 or 68% complete based on expenditures (64% of time)
- 1105 public computer workstations deployed—496 replacement & 609 new stations
- 27,990 average public computer users per week at the 147 BTOP libraries

Budget "Committed" Status of Direct Support to Libraries
- Equip./Software/Furniture – Committed 1,892,534 of $2,194,542 -- Balance $302,008
- Broadband Upgrades -- Committed 239,954 of $292,251 – Balance $52,298
- Electrical, Connectivity & IT Contracting – Committed 95,524 of $97,100 --Balance $1,576

Staffing Adjustment
- Worked with Federal Program Officer to extend IT Manager position from 18 to 27 months